

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION -- ITEM 4: MIDDLE EAST  
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

REF: (A) GENEVA 945 (B) STATE 30010

1. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED TELEGRAM TO ISRAELI  
GOVT, WHICH RESUMED AT A.M. MEETING FEBRUARY 10,  
HIGHLIGHTED BY CALL BY UK DEL FOR MORE MODERATE TEXT  
WHICH MIGHT ATTRACT UNANIMOUS SUPPORT. CUBA AND SYRIA  
URGED VOTE ON ORIGINAL TEXT. AFTER STATEMENT BY USDEL  
INDICATING INABILITY TO ACCEPT ORIGINAL TEXT, DEPLORING  
LACK OF RECEPTIVITY TO UK CALL FOR MODERATED TEXT, AND  
ASKING THAT DECISION ON TELEGRAM BE TAKEN BY VOTE,  
JORDANIAN DELEGATE PROPOSED, AND THE COMMISSION ACCEPTED,  
A SPECIAL WORKING GROUP TO DRAFT A NEW TEXT. WORKING  
GROUP COMPOSED OF SENEGAL, SYRIA, URUGUAY, UK, ITALY  
AND JORDAN.

2. WHEN SESSION RESUMED IN AFTERNOON FOLLOWING  
NEW TEXT PRODUCED BY WORKING GROUP INTRODUCED BY  
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QTE. THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENED AT  
ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION, MINDFUL OF ITS DUTY TO  
PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IS DEEPLY CONCERNED AT REPORTS  
OF THE DEATHS OF ARAB DETAINEES IN ISRAELI PRISONS  
WHICH ARE ATTRIBUTED TO THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR

IMPRISONMENT AND CALLS UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL TO TAKE URGENT MEASURES TO ENSURE IN CONFIRMITY WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS AN IMPROVEMENT IN PRISON CONDITIONS AND REFRAIN FROM ILL-TREATMENT OF DETAINEES. UNQTE.

UK DELEGATE EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ON NEW TEXT, WHICH HE COULD NOT SUPPORT WITHOUT NEW INSTRUCTIONS. THE USDEL, STATING THAT NEW TEXT FELL SHORT OF ADEQUATE COMPROMISE, ALSO INDICATED INABILITY TO SUPPORT. THIS LED TO SOME ACCUSATORY REMARKS BY PAKISTAN, SYRIA AND LIBYA, WHO SAID THEY HAD MADE CONCESSIONS IN RETURN FOR AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE AND WERE NOT TOLD THAT THE TEXT WAS UNACCEPTABLE. FOLLOWING THIS DISCUSSION VOTE WAS TAKEN AND NEW TEXT WAS ADOPTED 22-3(US)-5. LIBYA REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTE AND RWANDA WAS ABSENT.

3. ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

IN FAVOR: INDIA, IRAN, JORDAN, LESOTHO, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PANAMA, PERU, SENEGAL, SYRIA, TURKEY, UGANDA, USSR, UPPER VOLTA, URUGUAY, YUGOSLAVIA, BULGARIA, BYELORUSSIAN SSR, CUBA, CYPRUS, ECUADOR, EGYPT.

AGAINST: U.S., CANADA, COSTA RICA.

ABSTENTIONS: ITALY, SWEDEN, UK, AUSTRIA, FRG.

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4. USDEL (LOWENSTEIN) IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE NOTED THAT NEW TEXT CARRIED OVER PRINCIPAL DEFICIENCY ORIGINAL IN ITS ACCEPTANCE OF ALLEGATIONS AS PROVEN. HE EXPLAINED NEGATIVE VOTE RATHER THAN ABSTENTION BASED ON OBJECTIONABLE PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IN FORMULATION OF TELEGRAM TEXT, WHICH SELECTIVELY ACCEPTED ISRAELI ADMISSIONS OF NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN PRISONS BUT AT SAME TIME REJECTED ISRAELI DENIAL OF OTHER ALLEGATIONS. SUGGESTED THAT OBJECTIVE OF HELPING DETAINEES COULD HAVE BEEN BETTER ACHIEVED BY TEXT WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY CONSENSUS THAN BY DIVIDED VOTE ON POLEMICAL TEXT. HE DESCRIBED POSSIBLE ALTERNATE WORDING WHICH COULD HAVE ACHIEVED THIS PURPOSE. CATTO

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